any final decision to start the international container handling terminal at Vypeen, Cochin

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). There is no proposal for construction of any Container Terminal at Vypeen.

Construction of Road between Cochin Harbour and Cochin By–Pass

4937. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on link road connecting Cochin by–pass to Cochin Harbour has been completed;

(b) if not, the progress made in the construction of this link road so far; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Construction of NH–47A link road connecting Cochin Harbour to Cochin bypass, length 5.92 kms., is proposed to be done in two phases. Phase–I of the project, length 3.75 kms., which is ongoing, involved construction of a bridge across Venduruthy, one minor bridge, reclamation of land, construction of road embankment, etc. The Venduruthy bridge has been completed and the remaining works of Phase–I are expected to be completed by December 1992. Land acquisition for Phase–II, length 2,17 kms., is almost completed. Work of construction of Phase–II, involving two bridges, one rail over bridge, approaches with viaducts etc., is included in Annual Programme 1991–92. Tentative target of completion of Phase–II is March 1996.

Subsidy to Cochin Shipyard

4938. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister OF SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy for the ships built in Cochin Shipyard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present order book position of the shipyard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to diversify the work in this shipyard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether a new cost–pricing formula for the ships to be built in the shipyard is likely to be adopted;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the Central assistance proposed to be given to this shipyard during the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A study conducted by Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices on pricing of ocean going vessels built by Public Sector Shipyards recommended in 1987 an increase of subsidy from 30% to 40% and it is under consideration.

(c) The Shipyard has at present orders